



Brown (inset) and Gleason: TV "survivors."

*Gleason and Brown appear in "Survivor" episodes that began airing Jan. 28.*

TWO recent graduates of the Army ROTC program were among 16 participants appearing in this season's "Survivor" television series on CBS.

They were **CPT Kel Gleason**, a military intelligence officer stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and **2LT Nick Brown**, who's entering his second year at Harvard Law School.

Gleason is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. After being commissioned in 1996, he served in Europe and was involved in peacekeeping operations in Bosnia.

Brown attended Morehouse College and was commissioned through the Army ROTC program at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The hit TV series began its second season Jan. 28. "Survivor" contestants must endure the extreme hardships of the Australian Outback as they vie for the network's coveted prize. — *U.S. Army Cadet Command Public Affairs Office*

OLYMPIC bronze medallist **SFC Todd Graves** traveled to the White House in November, where then-President Bill Clinton congratulated him during a White House ceremony.

More recently, Graves, a shotgun shooter with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga.,

was named U.S. Army Male Athlete of the Year for 2000. He again traveled to the nation's capital to receive his award at the Pride of the Nation Ceremony, hosted by the U.S. Military Sports Association.

"It is quite an honor to be the Army Athlete of the Year," Graves said. "I owe everything to the Army. It would have been really hard to make it to the Olympics without the Army Marksmanship Unit."

At the Games in Sydney, Australia, Graves was not only the sole U.S. military athlete to win an Olympic medal, but he also became the first U.S. men's skeet shooter since 1984 to take home a medal.

Since the Olympics, Graves has been the grand marshal at two Christmas parades, cut the ribbon to open a state fair, was honored in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and met with Defense Department chiefs at the Pentagon. — *Paula J. Randall-Pagán, USAMU Public Affairs Office*

THE interview had been tough; the questions challenging, designed as much to gage reaction to various situations as to elicit information.

Army Reserve **1LT Westley Moore**, a Johns Hopkins University senior, remembered thinking, "Anyone in this room is a more-than-reasonable choice for a Rhodes Scholarship."

"I was thinking I'd done pretty well, but I didn't feel as confident as I should have," Moore said. Yet, after some deliberation, the scholarship selection committee for a six-state area announced the four winners in its district, and Moore was among them.

"I wasn't expecting it, because mine was the third name called. I was totally shocked," said the Pasadena, Md., resident, who is among 32 Rhodes Scholars nationwide. They were selected from 950 applicants at 327 colleges and universities.

Rhodes Scholarships, among the most prestigious in the world, provide winners with two or three years of all-expenses-paid study at Oxford University in England. Moore hopes to earn a master of philosophy degree in international relations and is particularly interested in researching refugee issues at Oxford's Refugee Studies Center. Eventually, he would like to work at the U.S. State Department.

The international relations major, whose minor is in economics, works as a student representative in the Johns Hopkins undergraduate admissions office. He played wide receiver on the Blue Jay football team and serves on the board of directors of the Central Maryland Chapter, March of Dimes.

Additionally, he's creating a mentoring program for at-risk youths in Baltimore, Md.

Moore, 22, transferred to Johns Hopkins in 1998 from Valley Forge Military Academy and College in Pennsylvania, where he was regimental commander and cadet of the year.

He completed Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga., and will begin training this spring at the Army's intelligence school at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. — *Dennis O'Shea, Johns Hopkins University*

**SG Alex Maly**, who's currently finishing his sixth year as a soloist for the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," had the honor of singing the national anthem at the presidential inauguration.

Maly started his Army career as a military policeman. Before enlisting, he completed a five-year, double-degree program at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., graduating in 1995 with bachelor's degrees in music and biology.

While attending the university, he performed in various operas at the Conservatory of Music. In 1993, he took top honors in the Wisconsin District Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

Today, besides being part of the bass section of the U.S. Army Chorus and a soloist with the Army Band at Fort Myer, Va., Maly is one of the chorus' producers and serves as a concert announcer. — *Military District of Washington PAO*

**AS** a volunteer in the Big Brother, Big Sister program, **CW2 Kelly Bonds** strives to be an ally, an adviser and a trusted friend to his "little brother," Aaron Troy. Although they're not related, Bonds and Troy have been brothers for three years, despite Bonds' deployments and a one-year tour in Korea.

Bonds, the assistant brigade maintenance officer for Special Operations Support Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., recently was 2000 Big Brother of the Year for Cumberland County, where Fort Bragg is located.

"When I found out how many children in our community need a mentor, I volunteered immediately," said Bonds, who was paired with Troy soon afterwards. "He was a very quiet child when we first met. Now he's very outgoing and talkative. You can't get him to be quiet."

Troy, now 11, said he was a little nervous when he first met Bonds, who took him to see a movie. "But we had a great time. Now we go out together almost every Saturday. Besides going to the movies, we play video games and basketball, and sometimes he goes to church with me."

"We started going to the batting cage, and we played football together," said Bonds. "He's now involved in basketball, football and baseball." Bonds also introduced Troy to his own son, Kelly Jr., 13. "When the boys are together, they're like brothers."

Aaron's mother, Mary, a teaching assistant, "has seen many good changes in Aaron since he's been with

Kelly," she said. "Aaron was having trouble dealing with the death of his aunt and grandmother. He was withdrawn and shut people out. Aaron really respects Kelly, and has learned a lot about responsibility from him," so much so, in fact, that Aaron is now an honor-roll student

who is thinking about going to college to become a lawyer.

"If Aaron is straying off course, I can call Kelly, and he'll help redirect him," Mary said. "Kelly is also involved in Aaron's school activities and encourages him to help with chores at home."

"I just want Aaron to grow up with values," said Bonds, one of four brothers. "My brother, Louis, was my mentor. When he joined the Air Force, I decided I also wanted to join the military. Louis helped me decide on the Army."

"My childhood was all about being appreciative for what you have, and being responsible," Bonds said. "I worked on a farm during the summer to earn money." He also played foot-

ball and participated in track and field. "I'd hoped to get a football scholarship," Bonds said. But an injury in his senior year quashed those plans. Just two weeks after graduation, he joined the Army.

He started his career as a wheel-track mechanic. He has served stateside and in Germany, Korea, Somalia and Saudi Arabia. When he retires, he hopes to work as a youth counselor. — *SFC Pamela Smith, USASOC PAO*



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